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# Editorial Note

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by M.E. Dieter, Editor

In this issue of *The Asbury Seminarian* we are happy to print Dr. Bruce Narramore's Inaugural Lectures in the newly established William and Vae Cessna Lectureship in Pastoral Counseling. Dr. Frank Bateman Stanger introduced the new series in Estes Chapel on March 17, 1981. His remarks on that occasion follow:

The beginning of the William and Vae Cessna Lectureship in Pastoral Counseling is highly significant to Asbury Theological Seminary. It is a beautiful tribute to the loving and dedicated parents of Dr. William Cessna. The elder Cessnas were active members in the Wesleyan Methodist Church. They felt strongly that the Christian pastor should understand and utilize sound psychological principles in the fulfillment of ministry. It is therefore a fitting tribute that Dr. and Mrs. William Cessna should establish this lectureship in his parents' memory and honor.

This lectureship is also an eloquent expression of support on the part of a distinguished alumnus of the Seminary and his wife, who have both had a significant professional relationship to the Seminary. Dr. Cessna was professor of pastoral counseling and director of Counseling Services at Asbury Theological Seminary from 1967-1979. He now engages in private practice in Lexington, and continues to serve as consultant in psychology to the Seminary. Mrs. Cessna served the Seminary for several years as administrative assistant to the vice-president for Development and Public Affairs.

Moreover, this new lectureship is a supportive illustration of the Pauline statement about our Christian heritage — "all things are yours" — for it illustrates the service of psychology in the training and work of the pastoral ministry.

The William and Vae Cessna Lectureship in Pastoral Counseling will have great significance through the years as

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it provides unparalleled opportunities for seminarians to benefit from the personal and professional insights of outstanding guest lecturers.

It is a high privilege and great honor to officially establish the William and Vae Cessna Lectureship in Pastoral Counseling at Asbury Theological Seminary.

The faculty and students of the seminary join with Dr. Stanger in his words of appreciation to William and Opal Cessna.

The text which follows largely reproduces the taped record of the three presentations of Dr. Narramore.